

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

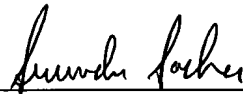
The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to reflect the materials on the concurrently filed replacement compact disks in the body of the specification as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(e). The specification now identifies each compact disk by the names of the files contained on each of the compact disks, their date of creation, and their size in bytes. The newly submitted compact disks contain no new matter from the originally filed compact disks and merely present the same information from the originally filed compact disks in ASCII files, as required.

In view of the present Preliminary Amendment and the concurrently filed submission Applicant believes that all issues raised in the outstanding Communication of November 6, 2003, are addressed by the present response.

As no other issues are pending in this application it is respectfully believed that the present application is now in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted with the present letter are two replacement compact disks labeled **COPY 1 REPLACEMENT 03/03/2004** and **COPY 2 REPLACEMENT 03/03/2004**. Those compact disks are identical. Those compact disks also replace the original compact disks. The replacement compact disks contain no new matter on the replacement compact disks as they contain the same files from the originally filed compact disks, but in ASCII files, as required by the Communication of November 6, 2003.

Each compact disk is provided in a machine format X86 for an IBM-PC, is compatible with operating systems Windows 98, Windows 2000, Windows NT, and Windows XP. Each compact disk contains the following files.

File	Date Created	Size (Bytes)
ConfigMessage.c	04/29/2003 04:51p	13,914
GetIpMacZulu.c	01/29/2003 10:45a	2,271
InstallMessage.c	04/18/2003 04:01p	12,333
NRSMailUtils.c	01/29/2003 10:51a	3,235
READER.C	03/18/2003 03:00p	2,132
dnsquery.c	12/16/2002 01:11p	5,644
periodic.c	04/29/2003 02:20p	21,635
rfgpoll.c	04/14/2003 12:38p	77,311
ricohdbaccess.c	03/06/2003 05:27p	4,800
ricohpoll.c	04/30/2003 10:37a	121,870
snmpprint.c	12/09/2002 10:31a	14,696

The communication of November 6, 2003, indicated that the previously submitted compact disks were improper as that they contained non-ASCII files. In response thereto the newly submitted compact disks now only contain ASCII files.

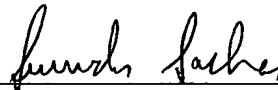
Also, applicant believes that the previous submission did include two compact disks, although the Communication of November 6, 2003, indicates otherwise. However, in any event, the current submission includes two copies of the compact disks that are identical.

Also, the above-noted comments set forth the machine format, operating system compatibility, and list of files contained on the compact disk including their names, size in bytes, and dates of creation. Applicant does not believe any other special information is necessary to identify, maintain, and interpret the information on the compact disks.

Further, filed concurrently with the present response is a Preliminary Amendment amending the specification to identify the compact disks and listing the files including their name, file size, and creation date of the files.

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